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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: ***Request for Waiver of the Citizens Broadband Radio Service Transition
Deadline
WT Docket No. 18-353***

Notice of Ex Parte Communication

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 7, 2019, on behalf of the Wireless Internet Service Providers Association (“WISPA”), the undersigned spoke with Aaron Goldberger, Legal Advisor to Chairman Ajit Pai. The purpose of the telephone call was the status of the joint request for waiver of the Part 96 transition rules filed by WISPA and the Utilities Technology Council (“Waiver Request”).¹

I reiterated, consistent with WISPA’s May 3, 2019 ex parte letter,² that the April 2020 transition deadline would not allow many WISPA members to complete the transition in time given delays in equipment certifications. I also stated that the upcoming winter months will make hardware change-outs more challenging, if not prohibitive, in many areas of the country. We asked that the Commission act quickly to grant the Waiver Request.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s Rules, this letter is being filed in ECFS in above-referenced dockets. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Louis Peraertz
Louis Peraertz, Vice President of Policy

¹ Public Notice, *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on Wireless Internet Service Providers Association and Utilities Technology Council Request for Waiver of the Citizens Broadband Radio Service Transition Deadline*, DA 18-1206, WT Docket No. 18-353 (rel. Nov. 27, 2018).

² Letter from Stephen E. Coran, Counsel to WISPA, to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC Secretary, WT Docket No. 18-353 (filed May 3, 2019).